

New Rated License Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Child Care Center Questions:

1. **If I am an existing child care facility, when will I be required to meet the new 75% minimum compliance history requirement?**

All currently operating programs have until January 2008 to transition to the new system. Program may elect to transition earlier. A currently operating program will need to meet the new compliance requirement once they transition to the new system.

2. **How will the new rules affect a Notice of Compliance?**

All currently operating religiously-sponsored facilities operating with a Notice of Compliance will be required to meet the 75% minimum compliance history beginning in January 2008. Any new program opening on or after January 1, 2006 will be required to meet the 75% compliance history immediately.

3. **If I am currently a one star facility, do I have to transition to the new system?**

The new rated license system is still a voluntary system. Providers can choose to remain at the one star level. However, even one star programs will be required to meet the 75 % minimum compliance history beginning in January 2008. Any new program opening on or after January 1, 2006 will be required to meet the 75% compliance history immediately even if they choose to remain a one star facility.

4. **What do the acronyms on the chart of proposed rules mean?**

<i>S/A= School-age</i>	<i>BSAC=Basic School Age Care training</i>
<i>ECE=early childhood education</i>	<i>exp=experience</i>
<i>AAS=Associate degree</i>	<i>equiv.=equivalency</i>
<i>Add'l=additional</i>	<i>SH=semester hours</i>
<i>ERS-Environment Rating Scale</i>	<i>avg.=average</i>
<i>FCCH=Family Child Care Home</i>	<i>BA=Bachelors degree</i>
<i>FDCRS-Family Day Care Rating Scale</i>	

5. **My program currently has 13 points and a four star license, will I now receive five stars in the new system?**

In the new system the point system range is changed. Thirteen points in the revised rated license system does mean a five star license. If you transition to the new system and still have thirteen points, you would receive a five star license.

6. Do the Education Standards of the rated license apply to all staff?

Education will be assessed for all staff members counted in staff/child ratio.

7. Does my program have to transition to the new rated license system?

Yes. All licensed child care providers are required to transition to the revised rated license system by 2008.

8. Can I earn more than 1 Quality point toward my rated license under the new system?

Under the revised rated license system a program may earn 1 quality point towards a rated license.

9. I am due for a reassessment in 2006. Can I be reassessed under the current system?

Programs operating prior to January 1, 2006 may remain on the current system until 2008. Programs due for reassessment may choose to transition to the new system or may be reassessed under the current system until 2008.

10. Under the revised rated license system, will programs still be reassessed every three years?

Yes.

11. I have heard that there is money available to help me transition to the new rated license system. How do I become eligible for those grants?

Transition grants are available for those programs that have a minimum of 3 points in program standards and two points in education standards. The amount of money available is determined based on the program's total points and the number of children enrolled. All licensed providers should have received information by mail about these transition grants. Contact information was listed in this mailing. If you have not received this mailing you may contact your Lead R & R agency for more details.